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TRAFFIC TWO-STEP

Major street changes coming to Barclays Center area

By Gary Buiso
The Brooklyn Paper

Get ready to dance the Flatbush-to-Fourth Two-Step — whether you like it or not.

The state last week unveiled its plan to ease traffic around the $1-billion Barclays Center at Flatbush, Fourth and Atlantic avenues, permanent changes that its creator predicts will untangle the maze of roadways near the rising basketball arena.

The changes, already ratified by the state and city, will take hold on July 15. They include:

• Conversion of Fourth Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and Flatbush Avenue into a one-way southbound street.

• Reversal of the direction of Pacific Street between Fourth and Flatbush avenues, changing it from westbound to eastbound.

• Installation of a new traffic light at the intersection of Pacific Street and Flatbush Avenue, and a new crosswalk across from Flatbush Avenue, where vehicles will be able to make right or left turns onto Flatbush Avenue.

• Cars and trucks can use Third Avenue via Atlantic to get to Flatbush Avenue. Pacific Street will offer secondary access to Flatbush Avenue, but trucks are not permitted to use it.

The changes mean that Flatbush Avenue–bound cars on Fourth Avenue will either have to turn on Pacific Street, or take Atlantic Avenue to Third Avenue: the Flatbush Two-Step is born.

But it's not all about cars, said

Photo by Tom Callan

Bruce Ratner's traffic consultant, Sam "Gridlock Sam" Schwartz, poses at the problematic intersection of Flatbush, Fourth and Atlantic avenues.

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Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Steve Buscemi led a rally to save Engine 220 in Park Slope, one of two on the day.

Buscemi's fire

Actor, Sloper & ex–smoke-eater rallies against Brooklyn's firehouse closures

By Natalie O'Neill and Kate Briquelet
The Brooklyn Paper

You know him as Mr. Pink — but in Brooklyn, Steve Buscemi is Mr. Fireman.

The actor — famous for his role in the cult classic "Reservoir Dogs" — spent most of last Thursday in the far-different role of community activist, urging the city to drop its plan to close eight firehouses in Brooklyn.

The indie flick king and Park Slope resident — who was a fireman himself in the early 1980s — showed up at a morning rally at Engine 205 in Brooklyn Heights and then at an evening rally at Park Slope's Engine 220, both slated to be closed under Mayor Bloomberg's budget.

"Firehouses are symbols of safety in our neighborhoods," he said. "Closing them is no way to protect New York."

On 11th Street in Park Slope, Buscemi donned a red fire department shirt, and posed for photographs with fans and shook hands with firefighters while maneuvering a scrum of print and television reporters. He also mingled with Councilman Steve Levin (D–Park Slope) and Councilwoman Letitia James (D–Fort Greene).

Just as he did earlier at Engine 205 on Middagh Street — where one first-grader read a letter declaring the mayor "made a big mistake!" — the "Boardwalk Empire" star encouraged hundreds of sign-waving protesters to call 311 to complain about the closures, which would delay fire response times by 30

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Bigot papers cars

White supremacist strikes in Greenpoint

By J.J. Despain and Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

White people — it's time to "awake" and "save" your "great race!"

That was the message of white supremacist fliers that were plastered all over car windows on Greenpoint Avenue near Leonard Street last Wednesday — a bit of free speech vandalism that has Greenpoint residents fearful of racists in their midst.

"It's scary to think they're here," said Cynthia Ruiz. "That's crazy and disgusting."

The fliers' message was aimed at recruiting new members to the New York chapter of the Creativity Movement, whose slogan calls for "the survival, expansion and advancement of the white race!"

A neighbor removed the fliers soon after they showed up — but not before a photo of one appeared on the Greenpoint blog, New York Shitty.

"I really would like to think this type of crap isn't going on in Greenpoint," said Miss Heather, the blog's anonymous tipster. "But where there's smoke, there's fire."

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Courtesy New York Shitty

These fliers were slapped on cars all along Greenpoint Avenue.

Illustration by Sylvan Migdal

Is it open season on hipsters?

Dude, 'hate crimes' keep on mounting against plaid-wearers

By Adam Rosen
for The Brooklyn Paper

It's hard out there for a hipster.

Casual slurs against gimme-cap wearers have long been a way of life in New York, but a series of recent events may have marginalized an entire class of people who are just trying to crown the best album of the second-half of the third week of the month in peace.

Last month, a "Help Wanted" ad was placed in the window of Vinnie's Pizzeria in Williamsburg, barring applications from people who need "weekends off because you have a gallery opening." A month ago, CNN saw fit to publicize an obscure poll of Mac and PC users to insinuate that the former are "elitist and more pretentious" due to their preference for hummus and red wine. And at the end of April, an artists' collective living in a "trailer park" in Bushwick was forcefully disbanded, requiring a Red Cross intervention to assist the internally displaced artists, musicians, and fire jugglers.

As bad as it's been, the real "J'accuse" came on May 11, when a Metro cover story suggested that activist vegans and their ilk had bankrupted the city.

"Hipsters to blame for billions of dollars in Census losses?" the headline asked.

In the article itself, hipsters got no comfort from their own elected official even. Councilwoman Diana Reyna (D–Bushwick) attributed the city's census undercount to — her word — "hipster" apathy.

What's going on here? Has bigotry against the bearded become officially sanctioned by the state?

Unlikely, perhaps, but it's not unimaginable that the authorities begin asking, "Have you ever gushed over Charles Bukowski?" to anyone with a 11206 ZIP code.

Vinnie's Pizzeria manager Dan Clayton denied that his hiring practices are discriminatory or that he hates hipsters. Indeed, some of his best friends are hipsters!

"It's more like a preference," he said. "Some of my employees are band members."

Robert Lanham, author of "The Hipster Handbook" and founder of the website, FREEwilliamsburg, understands the pizzeria's frustration.

"I think that's one of those things people are fed up with — not living in the real world," he said.

Lanham says he personally does not condone discrimination against anyone, even hipsters, though he did

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A brief history of hipster oppression
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Historic Monte's joins 21st century

By Sarah Zorn
for The Brooklyn Paper

After unexpectedly closing down in 2008, the century-old Monte's on Carroll Street is finally set to reopen today, in name — and signature ricotta cheesecake — only.

And that's the good news.

The former speakeasy and Rat Pack playground — which long claimed to be the oldest Italian restaurant in the borough — was beginning to lose luster as customers grew weary of its over-the-top décor and increasingly lackluster Italian-American food.

"We wanted to keep the neighborhood feel of the old Monte's, but make it a lot more modern and fun," said new co-owner, Tina Castelvetre.

That means updated interiors that resist kitsch with sage green and exposed brick walls — and the gigantic murals of Venice have been replaced with vintage Brooklyn street maps, wrought iron sconces, and the occasional pizza paddle.

"We kept what we could, like the old bar," said Castelvetre. "We just gave it a new marble countertop. The tables got a new base. The red booths aren't origi-

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Photo by Paul Martinka

Dominick Castelverte has reopened Monte's restaurant, believed to be the oldest Italian restaurant in the borough. The Carroll Gardens mainstay will specialize in wood-fired pizzas.

'Junk' mail

Now it is unclear if weird 'porno-tweet' is Weiner's

By Gary Buiso and Kimberly Lightbody
The Brooklyn Paper

Will the real weiner please stand up?

Embattled Rep. Anthony Weiner admitted on Wednesday that the lewd photograph dispatched via Twitter to a Seattle co-ed might be his own.

Weiner told MSNBC that he "could not say with certitude," that the groin-level picture was not a part of his reed-thin frame — while still insisting that he never personally sent it, and that his computer was "hacked."

"Someone committed a prank on the Internet," Weiner said, suggesting that "something was manipulated" and that someone was having a laugh at his expense.

"The implication is I did something wrong," the lawmaker said. "I was a victim of a prank."

The latest revelation comes a day after an ashen Weiner was uncharacteristically humble in discussing a report posted over the Memorial Day weekend that Weiner had sent a picture of his midsection in gray-underwear to 21-year-old Gennette Cordova via his Twitter account. Within hours, the porno-Tweet became known as "Weinergate," a scandal that could prick Weiner's mayoral dreams.

"This is a distraction and I'm not going to let it distract me," the usually peacock-proud, six-term congressman told reporters.

Weiner — whom we dubbed "the Midwood Mouth" last year after his latest explosion at his Republican colleagues on the House floor — did not smile at the uncomfortable press gathering, refusing to answer basic questions about the whole affair, including why he was even "following" a 21-year-old college student on Twitter in the first place.

To understand this fast-breaking, Internet-speed news story, here's our "Weinergate" timeline:

• The picture — including what appeared to be an erection — was tweeted to the woman on Weiner's account at 11:30 pm on Friday, May 27. But the tweet — and the underwear — was visible to all of the congressman's nearly 50,000 followers.

• One of those followers was the writer of a conservative blog, Biggovernment.com, who managed to capture and repost the picture, airing the congressman's dirty laundry about one hour later.

• Someone in Weiner's office, or the congressman himself, quickly deleted the original post — a move that gave the growing scandal the name "Weinergate," as some called the deletion a cover-up.

• The congressman said he took down the salacious post because his account had been "hacked," though in the early hours of the scandal, he maintained his sense of humor.

"Tivo shot. FB hacked. Is my blender going to attack me

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Photo by Tom Callan

THE ACCUSED: Former District Leader Ralph Perfetto misrepresented himself as a lawyer, prosecutors said.

HE'S GUILTY!

Inside the bizarre accusation, trial and conviction of Ralph Perfetto

By Thomas Tracy
The Brooklyn Paper

It's official: No good deed goes unpunished.

A jury convicted former Bay Ridge District Leader Ralph Perfetto of pretending to be a lawyer last Thursday — and now the 75-year-old neighborhood public servant is facing a year in the slammer.

The groundbreaking verdict came after three painstaking days of deliberation in the week-long misdemeanor case — which many have labeled the trial of the century — where prosecutors painted the nattily dressed, old-school politico as an unhinged do-gooder who didn't know when to stop helping people.

Perfetto, a boxer turned private investigator, was arrested in 2010 for signing a court document indicating that he was his cousin's lawyer during a misdemeanor arraignment proceeding on Aug. 21, 2008. During his brief time in front of Judge Evelyn LaPorte, he waived the reading of the charges against his kin, submitted testimony from two witnesses and agreed on the next court date, according to court transcripts of the proceeding.

But Perfetto says a court officer told him to sign the document, known as a "notice of appearance," and answered questions thrown at him — nothing more.

"I never pretended to be an attorney," Perfetto said before the trial began. "This whole thing is preposterous."

Jurors weighing the evidence in this zany "My Cousin Vinny" spin-off ultimately agreed with

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NYU is up on Downtown

School rents more space in Metrotech Center

By Kate Briquelet
The Brooklyn Paper

NYU is expanding its existing Polytechnic Institute to include two more buildings in Metrotech Center, a move that borough officials cheered as a magnet for Downtown development — and a sign that university is serious about Brooklyn.

NYU-Poly signed a 20-year lease with Forest City Ratner for space in Metrotech Center, a campus of 11 mixed-use buildings between Flatbush Avenue Extension and Jay Street, where space has recently been going cheap.

"The increased student population will be a boon for businesses and attract greater private investment to the area," said Borough President Markowitz.

The engineering school will move into the sixth floor at 15 Metrotech, replacing a departing insurance company. It will also take over the ninth and 10th floors at 2 Metrotech.

NYU-Poly already owns academic buildings at 6 Metrotech and 5 Metrotech, a residence hall on Johnson Street, and admissions offices on Bridge Street.

"Expanding into buildings that flank the commons allows NYU-Poly to own the square, and imparts a more dynamic, vibrant

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NYU-Polytechnic will expand into two more Metrotech Center buildings.

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the scheme's creator.

"This is a plan that can be implemented and it does a lot for what Brooklyn is — a walking city," said Sam Schwartz, the consultant to developer Forest City Ratner who devised the plan. "This makes it easier to walk across Atlantic, Flatbush and Fourth avenues."

Schwartz said he approached the intersections the same way the city tackled traffic snarls at Herald Square in Manhattan — by removing one of the approaches, Broadway, on which drivers are able to access an epicenter of congestion. In Brooklyn's case, that means that Fourth Avenue will no longer have an approach to Flatbush Avenue, improving or complicating things for drivers and pedestrians, depending on whom you're talking to.

The plan was first broached six years ago in the project's environmental impact statement, one that galled critics who claimed the changes splash lipstick on a pig — namely, an 18,000-seat arena surrounded by low-rise residential neighborhoods.

"They want to turn my street into a viaduct," said Pacific Street resident Jim Vogel, who said he expects mayhem on game nights — when 500-800 cars will traverse Pacific Street between Fourth and Flatbush avenues every hour, according to the developer's estimates.

Other block residents were equally perturbed.

"What mitigation?" wondered Therese Urban. "You mean the one that doesn't mitigate traffic and only adds to it. This was objectionable when it was first written six years ago — and it still is."

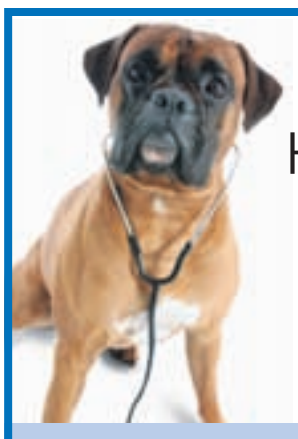
But Schwartz said the direction of Pacific Street was reversed not for arena-goers but for block residents, making it easier to get to their homes. Yes, there will unquestionably be more cars on game days, he conceded, but the overall effect will be beneficial, he promised.

Moreover, he said, the primary route will be Third Avenue — not Pacific Street, which won't get through traffic because the only way to approach it will be by turning. "Brooklynites who know the street system in the area will find that Pacific Street is not the desirable route," he said.

But that's leaving those near Third Avenue none too pleased.

"We are deeply concerned about traffic back-ups on Third Avenue and the diversion to local streets," said Howard Kolins, president of the Boerum Hill Association. "This is one more step in a process that has little or no governance."

The Empire State Development Corporation will host a forum about the changes at Borough Hall (209 Joralemon St. between Court and Adams streets in Brooklyn Heights) on June 14 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.



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Police are investigating the propaganda, and the incident has been referred to its hate crimes unit — but locals had already drawn the conclusion that a vile crime had been committed.

"It disturbs me that people are so open about their hatred," said block resident Neil Driscoll. "You can get away with saying, 'Let's take back the neighborhood' and all that crap. It's a weird pride in the whole thing."

But longtime Leonard Street resident Elizabeth Tezeschi said it's nothing new.

Tezeschi, who is white and was once married to a black man, has received unidentified letters every few years since 1991 that insult her and her family.

"I don't understand how people would write this, it's mind-boggling," Tezeschi said. "Especially where we are, it's so diverse."

That diversity might be precisely what makes Greenpoint a target. The Creativity Movement, a neo-Nazi movement based in Illinois, includes a commandment "to relentlessly expand the white race and keep shrinking our enemies," according to its website.

A representative of the movement's New York chapter said his organization is an advocate for the white race to "control its own destiny" — though the group is non-violent.

"What is good for our people is the ultimate good," said the spokesman, who identified himself as "Brother Adams." "We recognize that the white race for centuries has produced all things beautiful and worthwhile in societies and civilizations when in contrast, the black race has never produced their own written language, never reinvented the wheel (they carry things on their heads) and they never domesticated an animal."

The Southern Poverty Law Center, which keeps track of hate groups, said on its website that the Creativity Movement has "a reputation for … criminal violence [by] its members and verbal violence."

Matthew Hale, who revived the national movement in 1993 after its founder overdosed on sleeping pills, remains at a maximum security facility after being convicted of solicitation of violence and obstruction of justice.

He'll be released in 2037.

For now, residents said, the best way to fight such fire is with ire.

"You can't prevent people who express and give out flyers," said Corina Hernandez. "I just hope that nobody takes them seriously."

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nal, but we kept the look the same. Everything else needed to be gutted — it was all rotted through."

The most striking aspect of the renovation is an entirely open kitchen, where patrons can watch pizzaiolo John Censullo shuttle thin crusted pies from a massive wood-burning pizza oven.

And while the 100-year-old recipe for Monte's famous ricotta cheesecake remains untouched, soggy platters of veal piccata and spaghetti marinara get the boot.

"I didn't go to one of the best cooking schools in Italy to make chicken parmagiano," said new chef Christian Sbordi, whose resume also includes stints at The Rainbow Room/Cipriani's and Le Caprice in Manhattan.

"There's nothing wrong with shrimp fra diavolo, but I'm a three-star chef. I want to create three-star modern Italian food … that people can still afford."

The new menu includes a roster of carefully selected meats and cheeses ($9 each, or $18 for five) and starters such as polenta fries ($7). Pastas will range from $14-20, and main courses will top out at $32.

Sbordi is particularly excited about his lamb meatballs with ricotta, sherry onions, cauliflower and sesame cream, grilled octopus with radicchio, chick peas, and green olives, homemade "trenette" pasta with wild boar ragu and parmagiano foam, and pan seared sesame-crusted tuna with caponata and saba, a syrup made by reducing the first grape pressings for wine.

Pretty fancy stuff for a restaurant that once drew visitors more for its exploits than its food — if it drew visitors at all given its isolated location next to the Gowanus Canal.

That once-distant locale, however, is part of a burgeoning scene.

"We respect the history of Monte's, but it wasn't serving the neigborhood anymore," said Castelvetre. "Now we have a place where you can come with your family, or for a dinner date, or a few late night drinks with friends. That's what the area needs right now."

Monte's [451 Carroll St. between Third Avenue and Nevins Street in Gowanus (718) 852-7800].

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and 52 seconds in Park Slope and Brooklyn Heights, respectively.

The morning rally was staged in the street under a hot sun that did not deter state Sen. Daniel Squadron (D–Brooklyn Heights) and Assemblywoman Joan Millman (D–Carroll Gardens) from sharing the spotlight with Buscemi.

The protests come eight years after the actor was arrested for protesting an earlier round of firehouse closings. The arrest hasn't changed his opinion about New York's Bravest.

"Every time a firefighter walks through those doors," he said, gesturing towards the firehouse. "They put their lives on the line — they deserve our support."

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Skull and bones found in Greenpoint backyard

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Human remains were discovered behind a house on Kent Street in Greenpoint. Neighbor Miriam Wright wasn't exactly surprised.

By Dan MacLeod and Gersh Kuntzman
The Brooklyn Paper

Alas, poor Yorick — no one knew him well, apparently.

Neighbors and other gawkers had no explanation on Monday for the mysterious skull, teeth and vertebrae that were discovered over the Memorial Day weekend in the backyard of a Greenpoint home.

Police showed up at 119 Kent Street between Franklin Street and Manhattan Avenue on Saturday at around noon, at least one day after a work crew unearthed the bones while making room for a patio.

"[Police] said it was a woman's skull. It's strange, but it's not the strangest thing in my life," said Sean Green, the building's owner. "It looks pretty old, it's ancient. You know, this house goes back to 1867. You never know when that skull was buried back there."

By Sunday, it was the talk of the neighborhood.

"Nothing surprises me anymore," said Miriam Wright, who lives one block away. "This place is so old. If you dig a little deeper, you'll always find something."

The Kent Street house is, indeed, old — and its age may have something to do with the macabre discovery.

The house, which has a plaque on it that says it was built in 1856, was the home of Dr. Moses Seley from 1905 until his death at age 89 in 1967, according to his obituary in The New York Times.

It is widely believed that doctors in an earlier age would use bones for medical research and merely bury them.

Other neighbors speculated that the remains were from burials at the Church of the Ascension, which is next door to the three-story house.

In any event, few people on the block seemed concerned.

"Back 100 years ago, times were rougher," said Ulona Inac, who works on the block. "If it was something like 10 years old, that's scary."

The NYPD said there was no sign of foul play at the scene, but detectives are investigating it as a crime scene. A police spokesman referred questions to the medical examiner, who could not be reached on Monday.

This isn't the first time a gruesome find was made in the area. In 1872, the son of a blacksmith came upon a headless skeleton while setting a rat trap underneath an adjoining butcher shop at 57 Greenpoint Ave., and in 1901, a maid found a skeleton in the basement of 101 Java St.

In case you were wondering (we were) the house does not appear to be haunted.

"There was never a bump in the night or visits from any ghosts," said Vance.

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Vicious stabbing on Broadway

90TH PRECINCT

Southside–Bushwick

Broadway stab

A thug stabbed a 45-year-old man in the throat inside a Broadway bodega on May 27, nearly killing him.

The victim was shopping at the corner store near Marcy Avenue at 10:25 pm when the thug approached him and stabbed his neck.

Witnesses followed the alleged perp as he fled down Broadway toward a Driggs Avenue apartment, where police arrested him.

The blood-soaked victim was taken to Woodhull, where he remains in critical condition.

Capital crime

An armed robber held up a Capital One branch on Metropolitan Avenue on May 27, and stole $2,953 before the cops grabbed him.

The masked robber, wearing an orange work vest and brown work boots, entered the bank at 8:35 am and waved around a firearm.

He approached a teller and demanded, "Give me the money — no pinks."

The teller surrendered the cash, and the crook fled down Havemeyer Street on foot.

No Marcy

A perp tried to rob a man on Marcy Avenue on May 28 — but punched him in the face instead.

The victim told police that he was near Division Avenue at 10:50 pm, when the perp approached him and asked, "Give me your money, what you got."

The man refused, so the perp punched him square in the jaw and ran away.

iPhone grab

A thief stole a man's iPhone and credit card on Roebling Street on May 27.

The victim told police that he was near Metropolitan Street at 2:40 am, when the perp pushed him to the ground and grabbed his phone.

Varet robbery

Four perps robbed a man walking his dog on Varet Street on May 29 — but fortunately left the dog.

The man was walking his pup during a 2 am stroll near White Street, where the perps approached him.

"We don't want your dog, just give us everything in your pockets," one said, while another added, "We will shoot you if you don't give us cash."

The victim didn't have any cash, but gave up his iPhone, and the thugs ran away.

Third curd

A perp stole a laptop from a S. Third Street apartment on May 28.

The victim went to sleep at 9:30 pm, but when she awoke at 1 am, she saw that the window overlooking Havemeyer Street was open and her computer was missing.

Laptop lame

A thief stole two computers from a Roebling Street apartment on May 29.

The tenant told police that he left his apartment near S. First Street at 3 pm, but when he returned at 5:30 pm, he saw the front window was open and two computers were gone.

— Aaron Short

84TH PRECINCT

Brooklyn Heights–DUMBO–Boerum Hill–Downtown

No reward

A two-bit embezzler stole a woman's billfold on May 21 and tried to reap a reward for it at the bank.

The 33-year-old Queens victim told police that she lost her wallet at a Jay Street courthouse at 6:45 pm. A day later, she received a strange call from her bank.

The thief allegedly entered a Chase Bank on Fulton Street and told a teller that he would return the woman's property for $100. The bank called the woman, and the woman called the police.

The police called the thief, and set up a meeting, where the 47-year-old suspect was arrested.

Bank note

An outlaw robbed the Chase Bank on Court Street on May 25, after passing a note to a teller demanding cash.

A bank employee told police that the robber entered the branch at Schermerhorn Street and got in line at 11:45 am. When it was his turn at the teller window, he passed a note that said, "Give me the money. No s—t."

The teller handed over $3,500, and the perp fled.

Free lunch

Two burglars broke into a Bond Street restaurant on May 25 and stole three laptops.

An employee at Building On Bond told police that he left the café at 2 am. When he returned hours later, he found the front door smashed open and a broken, but still full, cash register.

Closer inspection revealed that the burglars had swiped three laptops from the basement of the building near Pacific Street.

Twin thieves

Two marauders attacked a man on Remsen Street on May 23 and made off with his wallet and cellphone.

The Bronx victim told police that he was near Clinton Street at 9:55 pm when the wild duo came up from behind and pushed him to the ground.

The attackers put the man in a chokehold, grabbed $70 and his phone, and fled.

Wheel bad

A thief stole a motorcycle on Furman Street near Cadman Plaza West on May 26. The 27-year-old victim told police that he parked his 2011 BMW chopper at 2:15 pm and returned 20 minutes later to find it gone.

Short order

Five bad guys surrounded a man at the Wendy's on Fulton Street on May 23 and one of them snatched the victim's cellphone.

The victim told police that he was at the fast-food chain near Pearl Street at 6:30 pm, when the marauders approached him.

One crook glommed the man's phone from his pocket, while another thief acted as a lookout. But not all the rogues escaped on time. Police arrested one 31-year-old suspect at the scene.

Phone it in

A brigand ripped the cellphone from a woman's hand on May 26 on Hoyt Street.

The 25-year-old victim said that she was near Fulton Street at 7 pm when a stranger approached from behind and asked for the time.

Before she could answer, the thief grabbed her phone and on Bond Street.

oyPhone

A sneaky thief swiped the iPhone from a woman's hand on a Bay Ridge-bound R train on May 26.

The 26-year-old woman told police that she was on the train at 12:30 am when an opportunistic stranger grabbed her phone and fled as the doors opened at Court Street.

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Out of print

A bandit with braids stole a fancy camera from a DUMBO art gallery on May 27.

An employee of VII, an art space near Plymouth Street, told police that a stranger walked in at 2:45 pm and tried to strike up a conversation.

The woman left the man for a few moments, and when she returned, she saw him flee with her camera.

The crook jumped into a getaway car with her $5,000 camera and $1,700 lens.

Two-wheel steal

A thief stole an electric scooter from Atlantic Avenue on May 26. The 46-year-old victim told police that she parked the $4,000 vehicle near Third Avenue at 2 pm. When she returned two hours later, it was gone.

Someone's lot

A thief stole an iPod and golf clubs from a car in a Jay Street garage. A 33-year-old woman told police that she parked on May 22 at 10 pm and returned three days later to discover the expensive items missing from the garage, which is between York and Front streets.

Pick four

Pickpockets nabbed at least four wallets this week:

• A pickpocket stole a woman's wallet on Fulton and Jay streets on May 25. The victim said that a lady bumped into her at around 2 pm.

• A thief stole an employee's wallet inside a Bond Street medical office on May 26. The victim told police that she left her billfold in an exam room at the office near Fulton Street.

• A gym rat stole a credit card and padlock from a fitness fanatic's locker on May 28 at a crime-riddled Duffield Street gym. The 54-year-old victim told police that he put his belongings in a locker at Planet Fitness near Fulton Street at 1:30 pm and returned an hour later to find his lock and credit card gone.

• An thief stole a woman's purse from a DUMBO office on May 23 after the 47-year-old victim left her bag and a coworker's cellphone on a counter at 2 pm.

— Kate Briquelet

94TH PRECINCT

Greenpoint–Northside

Bike baddie

A thief swiped two bikes from the popular corner of Berry Street and N. Fifth Street overnight on May 24. One of the cycle's owners noticed the crime at 3 pm the next day.

Car talk

At least two cars were stolen in the past week:

• A thief stole a car from Porter Avenue on May 26. The owner told cops that he parked near Cherry Street at around 2 pm and returned at 6:30 pm to find his Lexus missing.

• A thief stole a rental van from U-Haul on Leonard Street on May 27. Police said that the thug broke into the business, which is at Richardson Street, at around 2 am, grabbed a set of keys to a Ford Econoline, then sped off on Meeker Avenue.

Missing wallet

A thief swiped a wallet at the Manhattan Avenue C-Town on May 25.

The woman left the billfold on the checkout counter of the store between India and Java streets at 6:20 pm and left.

She realized her mistake within seconds, but by the time she returned, the wallet was gone. And by the time the victim had canceled her credit cards, the thief had rung up $233 in charges.

Vanishing act

A thief swiped an iPod and, more important, three bottles of beer from Brooklyn Star on Lorimer Street on May 24.

Workers say that the booze hound must have entered the restaurant, which is at Conselyea Street, at around 3 pm, when the doors had been left open for a delivery.

Early break

A thief broke into a Havemeyer Street apartment on May 27 and stole the resident's iPod.

The resident left his apartment between N. Eighth and N. Ninth streets at 8:30 am and returned at around 6 pm to find that his door had been pried open and that his iPod was gone.

Towed wart

A small-minded thief stole coins from a towing company game room on Franklin Street on May 28.

The thief entered Far Better Towing at Dupont Street through a side window at around 2 or 3 pm, stealing $120 in coins before fleeing.

— Daniel Ng

76TH PRECINCT

Carroll Gardens-Cobble Hill–Red Hook

Apples picked

Someone snatched two computers from an Atlantic Avenue home on May 24.

The 22-yer-old victim told cops that she left her home, near Hicks Street, at around 9 am, and when she returned at 10:30 pm, two Apple MacBooks were gone.

Bike burgled

Someone stole a mountain bike from a Hicks Street home overnight on May 28.

The 35-year-old victim told cops that he left his home, near Kane Street, at 8 pm, and returned the next day at 4:30 pm to find that a basement lock was busted and his $300 bicycle was gone.

Fearsome four

A four-man crew beat a man on Butler Street and stole his wallet on May 26.

The 33-year-old victim said he was near Smith Street at 9:30 pm, when four men attacked him from behind. One of the thugs demanded, "Give me your s—!" while the others rifled his pockets, grabbing a wallet containing $140, and assorted credit cards.

Degenerate duo

Two thugs robbed a teen on Second Place on May 27.

The 13-year-old victim told cops that he was near Henry Street at 3:35 pm when two other teens grabbed his T-Mobile Sidekick and fled.

— Gary Buiso

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Living with Spasticity; Answers for Tension Release

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Thugs running rampant in Park

88TH PRECINCT

Fort Greene–Clinton Hill

There were at least three cell swipes in Fort Greene Park last week:

• Cops arrested two teen suspects after one of them snatched a woman's phone while she walked through the park on May 24. The victim told cops that she was near St. Edwards Street and Willoughby Avenue at 2:20 pm when a thief came from behind, grabbed the phone and ran.

• Two days later, cops arrested another alleged teen purse snatcher after a brief chase. The victim told cops that the pickpocket swiped her purse in Fort Greene Park between 2 and 3:30 pm. Witnesses pursued the perp, who eventually dropped the purse during the chase. Cops caught up with him later.

• Two perps swiped a cellphone from a woman as she walked through the park at 8 pm on May 27. The thugs had come from behind her and forced the phone from her hands.

Masked bandit

A masked gunman made off with $1,000 from Choice Greene on Greene Avenue on May 26.

The clerk at the store between Cambridge Place and Grand Avenue told cops that the perp brandished a silver handgun at 8:55 pm.

"Shut up, give me the money," implored the gunman, who was wearing a bandana over his face. The clerk obliged, handing over $1,000.

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Skin care

Cops nabbed a would-be shoplifter in the act of stealing $100 in skin care products from a pharmacy on May 23.

Employees at Walgreen's on Myrtle Avenue between Adelphi Street and Vanderbilt Avenue told cops that the 47-year-old man tried to walk out of the store at 7:20 pm with 12 bottles of body wash and four bottles of skin lotion.

Sleeping beauty

Someone stole a woman's smartphone while she rested on a bench at Long Island University on May 24.

The victim told cops that she had fallen asleep at 1:30 pm near the library between Willoughby Street and DeKalb Avenue and woke up 90 minutes later to find that her Blackberry had been swiped from her purse.

A witness said that the crime was even worse: the perp fondled the victim's back before taking the phone.

Smash & grab

A thief smashed a man's car window and stole his radio on May 25.

The victim told cops that he parked his Mercedes near S. Elliot Place at Hanson Place at 2:50 pm, but when he returned eight hours later, his driver's-side window was smashed and his radio, IDs and credit cards were missing.

iPerp

A thug snatched a woman's iPhone near the crime addled Atlantic Center Mall on Atlantic Avenue on May 26.

The victim told cops that she was near Cumberland Street at 2:50 pm when the perp approached, asked, "Where is the mall?" and grabbed her purse, which had a wallet and shiny new iPhone.

Dance and dash

Someone swiped a woman's purse at a Clinton Avenue nightclub on May 26.

The victim told cops that she left her purse underneath a table between 8 pm and midnight at the club at Atlantic Avenue.

'G' thang

A thief stole a bag of designer clothes from a G-train passenger on May 28.

The victim told cops that he got on the train at Lorimer Street at 3 am, but when he tried to retrieve the clothes about 40 minutes later, he noticed that the $1,300 in designer duds and jewelry was gone.

Espresso love

Thieves took advantage of a man's blunder on May 28 — ripping off over $2,500 in goods from an unlocked car.

The victim told cops that he parked near the corner of Willoughby Avenue and Adelphi Street at 1 am. When he returned the next morning, he realized he had left the car unlocked — and his MacBook Pro, sunglasses and espresso machine were missing.

— Dan MacLeod

78TH PRECINCT

Park Slope

Road report

There were at least three car thefts last week:

• A thief used a screwdriver to break into a man's car to steal valuable tools on May 24. The owner told cops that he parked on the corner of President Street and Seventh Avenue at 10 around pm, and returned to find that $1,500 worth of drills, saws and other power tools were gone.

• A thief stole a Volvo on Fourth Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues while its owner was away between May 27 and 29.

• A thief stole $1,500 worth of camera equipment on May 28 from a victim's car parked at Eastern Parkway and Flatbush Avenue. The owner parked at around 2 pm.

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Third gives the bird

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By Michelle Manetti
for The Brooklyn Paper

Locals are slamming a Bay Ridge pol's plan to turn a 10-block stretch of Third Avenue into a Manhattan-style pedestrian plaza nine times this summer — banning cars in favor of shoppers and pedestrians.

State Sen. Marty Golden (R–Bay Ridge) wants to close the important artery between 82nd and 92nd Streets every Friday from 6 to 11 pm during July and August to create what he thinks would be a more inviting atmosphere for shoppers.

But workers of Foodtown between 91st and 92nd Streets have started a petition to stop Golden.

"How are we supposed to make deliveries and make money?" said John Colverg, the manger of the store. "We had to start a petition because this idea will block all the traffic."

Colverg says he's collected 946 signatures from residents and shopowners who think that closing the avenue will be bad for business.

"I'm not only a business owner, but a resident," said Damien Christopher, the chef at Hom near 88th Street. "This plan will just cheapen the neighborhood."

A spokesman for Golden said the plan will "invite people to shop, dine and visit."

"Sen. Golden is hoping that such an event will create an atmosphere on Friday nights during the summer so to invite people to shop, dine and visit," said John Quaglione, a spokesman for Senator Golden.

Golden has the support of Councilman Vince Gentile (D–Bay Ridge), who agrees the pedestrian mall could attract attention to the bustling avenue. But Gentile said he would defer to the "community."

"The proposal has the potential to bring money and attention to our local economy, which would be a great thing for Bay Ridge," Gentile said.

The "community" will get its say on the idea at the Community Board 10 Traffic and Transportation Committee hearing on June 8.

If the plan gets approved, Bay Ridge will join a number of neighborhoods throughout Brooklyn that have such "summer street" pedestrian plazas, including Fort Greene and Brooklyn Heights. But it's not the first time that business owners have revolted against a streetscape scheme supposedly designed with them in mind.

In Williamsburg, Bedford Avenue business owners were so put off by "Williamsburg Walks" that its original six Saturday closures were cut to just one weekend last summer.

Community Board 10 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting at St. Anselm's Church [365 83rd Street between Third and Fourth Avenues in Bay Ridge, (718) 745-6827] on June 8 at 7 pm.

Thief was in a real Crunch!

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78TH PRECINCT
Park Slope

There were at least three thefts — two on the same day! — at the Crunch Gym on Flatbush Avenue between Park and Sterling places:

The gym rat broke into his first locker on May 23 at around 5:30 pm, stealing $160 in property and cash.

Just a half-hour later, the same thief swiped $1,100 in property from another man's locker.

The thief took a three-day break from his heavy workload, but returned on May 27 to cut a woman's lock and steal $150 in stuff at around 1 pm.

Shady business

A thief tricked a man out of $500 in an iPhone scam on May 26.

The victim met the perp on 13th Street between Third and Fourth avenues at around 11 pm, but instead of delivering one of those fancy phones, he delivered a different piece of hardware: a gun.

Upon seeing the pistol, the cell-less man handed over the cash, and the thief fled.

Aisle clean-up

An intruder broke into an organic grocery store on Flatbush Avenue on May 28, but did not take any property.

The manager returned to the DNY Natural Land store between Park and Sterling places at 9 am and discovered that a bathroom vent had been busted and the surrounding wall had been smashed.But other than the damage, no harm was done.

Road report

There were at least three car thefts last week:

• A thief used a screwdriver to break into a man's car to steal valuable tools on May 24. The owner told cops that he parked on the corner of President Street and Seventh Avenue at 10 around pm, and returned to find that $1,500 worth of drills, saws and other power tools were gone.

• A thief stole a Volvo on Fourth Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues while its owner was away between May 27 and 29.

• A thief stole $1,500 worth of camera equipment on May 28 from a victim's car parked at Eastern Parkway and Flatbush Avenue. The owner parked at around 2 pm.

Steal bar

At least two bar-goers had their bags swiped last week:

• A thief stole a woman's bag on May 25 at the High Dive bar on Fifth Avenue. The victim said that she left her bag on a chair at the bar between Carroll Street and Garfield Place while she used the bathroom at 10:30 pm. The thief did his business before she finished hers.

• A thief stole an iPhone and credit cards from a woman's purse on May 25 from the delightful 12th Street beer garden behind Commonwealth Bar between Fifth and Sixth avenues. The woman said that she left her bag unattended at around 1 am.

7th hell

A pickpocket swiped a fancy wallet and the cash inside on Seventh Avenue on May 22.

The victim told cops that she was between Union Street and Berkeley Place at around 10 pm, when she was briefly distracted by her son, who probably should not have been out at that hour.

After regaining her grip on the tot, she realized that her Prada wallet was gone.

Stoop id

A thief made the easist score of the week, taking a package — and the laptop inside it — that was left on a Sixth Avenue stoop on May 28.

The victim told cops that FedEx had left the computer on his stoop, between Union and Presidents streets, between 1 and 5 pm. At some point, the thief approached, took the box, and left.

— J.J. Despain

77TH PRECINCT
Prospect Heights

Kicked kicks

A gun-wielding thug and his partner jacked some shoes from a man on Dean Street on May 30.

The 45-year-old victim told cops he was near Underhill Avenue just after midnight, when two men wearing dark clothing cornered him. One pulled out a black gun, then told the dupe to cough up his yellow chain necklace, a horse shoe ring, and even the Nike sneakers on his feet.

Cold-hearted

A jerk snatched a laptop from an ice cream shop on Underhill Avenue on May 23.

The victim told cops that she placed her black Mac laptop on a table at Blue Marble near Sterling Place at around 4:20 pm then looked a way for a few minutes. That's when the thug snatched it and ran away.

Slayed dragon

An alleged heroin dealer — and his suspected customer — were collared by cops on Lincoln Place on May 24.

A cop said that he watched a dope-slinger hand over a glassine envelope full of the opiate to a man near Classon Avenue at around 6:40 pm. He made his arrests soon after.

— Natalie O'Neill

68TH PRECINCT
Bay Ridge-Dyker Heights

Mad Maxx

That didn't take long — T.J. Maxx has already had its first robbery.

A crafty thief snatched $5,000 from a woman shopping at the new 86th Street discounter on May 25. The victim told cops that she was browsing inside the store near Fifth Avenue at around 1 pm when an unknown guy bumped into her. He then reached into her handbag and made off with the bills.

The store opened three days earlier.

Suitcase stab

Some hothead tried to stab two passengers on a chartered coach bus near Eighth Avenue and 62nd Street on May 24.

The victims, who were not seriously injured, told cops that they were boarding the bus at around 8 pm when one of them started arguing with the unknown perp about moving luggage. The perp then lunged at the man with a knife. His friend came to his rescue, but not before getting slashed in the face by the weapon-wielding perp, who then fled.

Battery burg

Someone broke into a Battery Avenue apartment on May 25 to pull off a major jewelry heist.

The victim told cops that she left her home, which is near 89th Street, at 8:30 am and returned 11 hours later to find her apartment ransacked. The thief made off with bracelets, earrings, wedding bands, an engagement ring and a handbag.

Tool timer

A thief stole eight power tools from an 88th Street apartment overnight on May 25.

The victim told cops that the house, which is between Ridge Boulevard and Third Avenue, had been left unlocked for a construction crew who was working inside. His saws, nail guns and drill were gone when he returned the next day.

— Alex Rush

88TH PRECINCT
Fort Greene–Clinton Hill

Cell snatch

There were at least three cell swipes in Fort Greene Park last week:

• Cops arrested two teen suspects after one of them snatched a woman's phone while she walked through the park on May 24. The victim told cops that she was near St. Edwards Street and Willoughby Avenue at 2:20 pm when a thief came from behind, grabbed the phone and ran.

• Two days later, cops arrested another alleged teen purse snatcher after a brief chase. The victim told cops that the pickpocket swiped her purse in Fort Greene Park between 2 and 3:30 pm. Witnesses pursued the perp, who eventually dropped the purse during the chase. Cops caught up with him later.

• Two perps swiped a cellphone from a woman as she walked through the park at 8 pm on May 27. The thugs had come from behind her and forced the phone from her hands.

— Dan MacLeod

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Living with Spasticity; Answers for Tension Release

By Miran Salgado, M.D.,
Chairman of Neurosciences at New York Methodist Hospital

Spasticity is a condition that occurs when muscles become tight, stiff or painful as a result of brain and spinal cord injury or illness such as stroke, brain trauma, damage to the spinal column, and cerebral palsy. Some symptoms of spasticity include an excess of tendon reflexes (such as the knee-jerk); clonus, or repetitive jerky motions; and having to carry the shoulders, elbows, wrists or fingers at a strained angle due to muscle tightness. The symptoms of spasticity can become so severe that they disrupt daily activities and sleep patterns.

Although many people develop symptoms of spasticity, the condition often goes undiagnosed. Part of the reason for the low awareness and under-diagnosis is that spasticity may develop weeks, months or even years after the injury or illness—often after the patient has left the hospital or is no longer being treated by medical specialists familiar with the onset of the condition.

Mild to moderate spasticity can be relieved with regular stretching of the tightened muscles. Range-of-motion exercises, if begun in the early stages, can prevent permanent shortening and shrinking of the muscles. Exercise can also help to ease spasticity.

However, stretching and exercise alone may not provide good results for all patients. If the spasticity worsens, the patient should contact a medical professional. A variety of treatments are available, including medications delivered orally and intrathecally (administered directly into the spinal fluid through a catheter, with a pump). Side effects must be carefully monitored to help determine the appropriate dose. Recently, another procedure has been approved. Botulinum Toxin A (Botox) injections administered to specific muscle groups can decrease the muscle signals that cause spasticity. These injections provide temporary relief as part of a therapy program, allowing motion and strengthening of muscle groups, and can be repeated every three months.

While spasticity may not be the most serious symptom of brain or spinal cord illness or injury, it can be debilitating. The good news is that there are effective ways to ease movement, minimize symptoms and improve quality of life.

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Folkin' good

Brooklyn fest now a three-day, two-venue stand

By Meredith Deliso
The Brooklyn Paper

The one thing the owners of Jalopy can't stand is turning people away. So when they were planning this year's Brooklyn Folk Festival, they knew that the popular event needed to go big — or make people go home.

So this year's festival will not only be in two venues — the Columbia Street theater, plus the significantly larger Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition pier — but also span three days, June 10-12.

"I hate turning people away, and last year we did that regularly," said Jalopy co-owner Lynette Wiley. "This is a good solution.

The festival is essentially one long weekend of the Red Hook venue's weekly Roots and Ruckus night — a celebration of traditional roots, blues, and folk music.

"A think a lot of people are hungry for this, they're looking for something they perceive as real," said festival founder Eli Smith. "People hear a lot of music on the radio that's not human, thanks to synthesizers and people singing through computers, and they're looking for something that they can identify with."

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Finger pickin' good: Eli Smith (far left) brings a folk festival to Red Hook's Jalopy, from June 10 to 12. Natually, he'll play with his folk outfit, the Dust Busters, Craig Judelman (center) and Walker Shepard.

The 30-plus acts include Pat Conte of The Canebrake Rattlers and Peter Stampfel of the Holy Modal Rounders; traditional banjo music from North Carolina's Clifton Hicks; country crooner Alex Battles; blues musician Blind Boy Paxton; and Smith's own folk band, the Dust Busters.

"The most well-known forms of American music will be well represented, but we're also going to have music from the Balkans, the Caribbean and North Indian classical music for the first time this year," said Smith.

The weekend will also feature workshops, films, a square dance, and, in another first, a banjo toss, a contest Smith thought up late one night wherein whoever throws the instrument farthest into the bay wins a brand new banjo.

"That's going to be a hoot," said Wiley. "It's crazy."

The Brooklyn Folk Festival at Jalopy [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Red Hook, (718) 395-3214], and the Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [499 Van Brunt St., near Reed Street in Red Hook, (917) 655-2980].

The full Brooklyn Folk Festival schedule

Here's the full finger-pickin' good schedule for the Brooklyn Folk Festival:

June 10
Jalopy Theatre
6 pm: Winston Fleary and the Big Drum Nation Dance Company
7 pm: Jay Gandhi
8 pm: Major Contay & The Canebrake Rattlers
8:45 pm: Uncle Monk
9:30 pm: Peter Stampfel and the Ether Frolic Mob
10:15 pm: Feral Foster
11 pm: Jake Sanders Sextet

June 11
Brooklyn Waterfront Artist Coalition
2:30 pm: Jake Sanders
3:15 pm: Larry Hanks and Deborah Robbins
4:15 pm: The Americans
5 pm: Hubby Jenkins
5:45 pm: Lankandia Cissoko
6:30 pm: Walker, Jay and Steve from Baltimore
7:15 pm: Black Sea Hotel
8 pm: Roulette Sisters
9 pm: Jerron "Blind Boy" Paxton
9:45 pm: The Dust Busters
10:30 pm: Radio Jarocho
11:15 pm: Clifton Hicks
Midnight: Whiskey Spitters

Photo of Radio Jarocho by Sergio R. Reyes

Folking on: Catch Radio Jarocho (bottom left) and the banjo-playing Clifton Hicks (right) both playing at the Brooklyn Folk Festival on June 11.

Photo of Clifton Hicks

June 12
Brooklyn Waterfront Artist Coalition
2 pm: Tamevale Kapelye (The Foolish Band)
2:45 pm: Alan Friend
3:30 pm: Willy Gantrim
4:15 pm: Jackson Lynch
5 pm: Elizabeth Butters
5:45 pm: The Pearly Snaps
6:30 pm: Boom Chick
7:15 pm: Brotherhood of the Jugband Blues
8 pm: Little Brothers
8:45 pm: The Tillers
9:30 pm: The Whistling Wolves
10:15 pm: The Newton Gang
11 pm: Kerri Lowe

June 12
Brooklyn Waterfront Artist Coalition downstairs stage
3 pm: Banjo Toss and Banjorama
4 pm: Square Dance
5 pm: Veveritse

Jalopy Theater [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Red Hook, (718) 395-3214]; Brooklyn Waterfront Artist Coalition [499 Van Brunt St. near Reed Street in Red Hook, (718) 596 2507]. Tickets $20 day of, $55 for the weekend. Workshops $10.

Workshops & films

June 11
Brooklyn Waterfront Artist Coalition screening room
1 pm: Hazel Dickens Singing Workshop
2 pm: The films of John Cohen
3 pm: The films of Alan Lomax
4 pm: Beginning Jam Workshop (not confirmed)
5 pm: Fiddle: Tunings and Styles in Old Time Music, taught by Craig Judelman

June 12
Screening Room, BWAC
1 pm: Intermediate Jamming Workshop
2 pm: Banjo: Tunings and Styles in Old Time Mu-

CELEBRATE

Bird sings!

Forget the solstice — here, the summer officially starts when Celebrate Brooklyn does. And this year, the annual outdoor festival of music, film and dance kicks off on June 10 with a free performance by Andrew Bird.

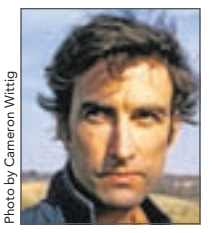

Photo by Cameron Wittig

The Chicago-based songwriter will be toting along his violin, guitar, glockenspiel and cheery whistling to play his visionary folk at the Prospect Park band shell.

"We wanted to mix things up and try something different," said Jack Walsh, festival producer and the director of performing arts programs for BRIC Arts | Media | Bklyn, which runs Celebrate Brooklyn. "He's certainly that."

True, the classically trained multi-instrumentalist is hardly the marquee name like past Celebrate Brooklyn openers, including former headliners Norah Jones and David Byrne, who broke record attendances for the long-running festival. Still, Bird's a seasoned veteran of such mega-outdoor jams as Bonnaroo and Lollapalooza, so he knows a thing or too about getting the crowd going.

Andrew Bird at Celebrate Brooklyn at the Prospect Park band shell (enter park at Ninth Street and Prospect Park West in Park Slope), June 10 at 8 pm. Free. For info, visit www.bricartsmedia.org. ***— Meredith Deliso***

SHOPPING

All's fair

McCarren Park's DIY spectacular — the Renegade Craft Fair — sets up on June 11 and 12 with more than 300 indie craft vendors. There'll be items to buy, with handmade goods in the genres of jewelry, clothing, ceramics and stationery, bath products, posters, housewares, comics, and plush objects.

Taliah Lempert will be there with her bicycle artwork, as well as T-shirts, cards and cycling caps featuring her images.

"I love that vendors come from all over the country to show their stuff," said the New York-based artist. "The creative energy is inspiring and there's cool stuff there that you won't see anywhere else."

Shoppers can get crafty themselves thanks to workshops, including sewing tips from Burda-Style, an accessories table manned by Brooklyn Charm, and prints from Freshly Drawn. When not shopping, munch on goodies from Hecho en Casa and Urban Rustic, or get your photo taken at the Magnolia Photo Booth and make it a fair to remember.

Renegade Craft Fair at McCarren Park (between Bedford and Bayard avenues from N. 12th to Lorimer streets in Greenpoint, no phone), June 11 and 12, 11 am-7 pm. For info, visit renegadecraft.com/brooklyn.
— Meredith Deliso

TOURS

Home made

Prospect Lefferts Gardens gets its turn at apartment envy.

On June 5, the neighborhood will host its house tours, granting you entry into century-old brick homes and private gardens.

Now in its 41st year, the Prospect Lefferts Gardens House and Garden Tour features eight turn-of-the-century residences, including a 1910 neo-Renaissance limestone stocked with contemporary art; a 1909 free-standing Colonial Revival with a charming wrap-around porch; and a late Romanesque Revival four-story townhouse that retains much of its original woodwork, 113 years later. And there's complimentary wine.

Prospect Lefferts Gardens House and Garden Tour, tickets available at K-Dog & Dunebuggy Café [43 Lincoln Rd. between Flatbush and Ocean avenues in Prospect Lefferts Gardens, (718) 284-6210 or (718) 462-0024], June 5 from noon to 5 pm. Tickets $25, $20 in advance. For info, visit www.lefferts-manor.org. ***— Meredith Deliso***

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WHERE TO GO

EDITORS' PICKS

FRIDAY
June 3

Ethical Kalb

We never miss a chance to see legendary bluesman Danny Kalb — a founding member of the Blues Project from the 1960s. Kalb is making his record 11th appearance in our editors' picks this week for his show at the Ethical Culture School, an intimate setting to see a man who is still belting out standards with a gruff-but-lovable voice as comfortable as a flannel workshirt.

8 pm. Good Coffeehouse at the Ethical Culture School [53 Prospect Park West at Second Street in Park Slope, (718) 768-2972. Tickets, $15.

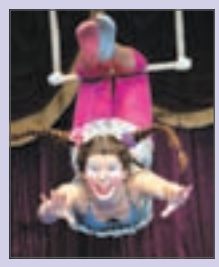
SATURDAY
June 4

Walk of art

Bushwick's artists and performers are throwing open their studio doors for the neighborhood's fifth annual tour, this time featuring more than 369 art spaces between Grand Street and Gates Avenue. Yes, it can be overwhelming, so start at the Moore Street Market for great art and food. Then come back on Sunday for more walking and gawking.

Noon-8 pm. Bushwick Open Studios at multiple locations. Moore Street Market [110 Moore St. at Humboldt Street in Bushwick, (718) 384-1371]. For info, visit www.artsinbushwick.org.

SUNDAY
June 5



Circus time!

We were already big fans of the Sunday "Showboat Shazzam" at the Waterfront Barge in Red Hook, but now we're even more excited now that the ticket price is just $10. Now you and your kids can see circus performers inches from your face — truly, the greatest show on earth.

1 and 4 pm. Showboat Shazzam at the Waterfront Museum and Showboat Barge [Pier 44 at Conover and Beard streets in Red Hook, (718) 624-4719]. Tickets $10 (in advance). For info, visit www.waterfrontmuseum.org.

MONDAY
June 7

Greek to us

Get yourself to the Greek — the Greek Festival, that is. Yes, it's that time of the year when Schermerhorn Street becomes New York's Little Athens, thanks to the minions at the St. Constantine and Helen Cathedral. As always, there'll be rides for the kids, plenty of Greek music and, most important, Greek delicacies. Remember, they invented the edible complex, so you know this is great stuff.

11 am-1 am. Greek festival at Sts. Constantine and Helen Cathedral [64 Schermerhorn St. between Court Street and Boerum Place, (718) 634-0595], through June 12.

WEDNESDAY
June 8

Ukulady

Ellia Bisker may play one of the smallest instruments, but she's going big for her next show. The ukulele frontwoman behind Sweet Soubrette will fill the stage at Southpaw on June 8 with her largest band yet — nine musicians, complete with a rocking horn section. What's better than a ukulele band backed by a horn section? Nothing. Not a thing.

8 pm. Sweet Soubrette at Southpaw [125 Fifth Ave. between Sterling and St. Johns places in Park Slope, (718) 230-0236]. Tickets $10. For info, visit www.sweetsoubrette.com.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, JUNE 3

"GATEWAY TO NATIONS": Annual celebration of Native American culture. $12, $7 for young adults and seniors, free for children under six. 10 am–4 pm. Aviator Sports [3600 Flatbush Ave., at Floyd Bennett Field in Canarsie, (718) 758-7500], www.aviatorsports.com.

"HONORING THEIR SACRIFICE": Never-before-seen artifacts and memorabilia commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Free. Noon–4 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 768-7300], www.green-wood.com.

FILM, "VERTIGO": Hitchcock's masterpiece about obsession. $12, $10 for members. 3:30, 6:30 and 9:15 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. near St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

RED HOOK FESTIVAL: Featuring La Roka RPM and Full Circle, Tato Torres y Yerbabuena, Paul Josephs and MetroSonics and Inspirit. Free. 6–9 pm. PS 15 [71 Sullivan St. between Richards and Van Brunt streets in Red Hook, (718) 643-6790 X113], www.redhookfest.com.

FILM, BROOKLYN FILM FESTIVAL: Over 100 film premieres combined into 64 programs. $10 ($8 students and seniors). 6 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm. indieScreen [285 Kent Ave. between S. First and S. Second streets in Williamsburg, (347) 227-8030], www.indiescreen.us.

THEATER, "KING LEAR": Derek Jacobi stars in Donmar Warehouse's production of Shakespeare's tragedy. $25-$80. 7:30 pm. BAM Harvey Theater [651 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

MUSIC, THE ZAMBONIES, OLD MONK: $10. 7:30 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740], www.therockshopny.com.

FILM, "BATTLE FOR BROOKLYN": Documentary that explores the Atlantic Yards project premieres at the Brooklyn Film Festival. $3. 8 pm. Brooklyn Heights Cinema (70 Henry St. at Orange Street in Brooklyn Heights), www.brooklynfilmfestival.org.

TALK, RETRAINING YOUR BRAIN: Part of the World Science Festival. $30, $15 for students. 8 pm. Galapagos Art Space [16 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 222-8500], www.galapagosartspace.com.

MUSIC, DANNY KALB: $15 ($6 under 12). 8 pm. Good Coffeehouse [53 Prospect Park West at Second Street in Park Slope, (718) 768-2972], gchmusic.org.

MUSIC, MAIS UM: Free. 10 pm. Two Boots Brooklyn [514 Second St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, 718-489-3253], www.twobootsbrooklyn.com.

Photo by Nancy Reyes

Magic moves: Cuba's national ballet comes to the Brooklyn Academy of Music this month with "La Magia de la Danza,"a best-of compliation including pieces from "The Sleeping Beauty," "The Nutcracker," and "Swan Lake," from June 8 to 11.

SAT, JUNE 4

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

TOUR, HISTORICAL TOUR: Explore Senator Street, Narrows Botanical Garden, Owl's Head Park and Barkaloo Cemetery. RSVP required. Free. 10 am–1:30 pm. [69th Street near Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 745-6827].

"GATEWAY TO NATIONS": 11 am–7 pm. See Friday, June 3.

PERFORMANCE

ART, "ABOVE AND BEYOND": Part of Atlantic Avenue ArtWalk 2011. Free. 12–8 pm. Micro Museum [123 Smith St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Boerum Hill, (718) 797-3116], www.micromuseum.com.

ART, BROOKLYN BLOCK PARTY: Part of Atlantic Avenue ArtWalk 2011. Free. 1–6 pm. (Nevins and Pacific streets in Boerum Hill), www.artwalk2011.com.

THEATER, "THE RIGHT REVEREND DUPREE IN EXILE": 3 and 8 pm. See Friday, June 3.

MUSIC, THIERRY STREWLER: 7 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

THEATER, "KING LEAR": 7:30 pm. See Friday, June 3.

MUSIC, THE WOES, ELK CITY: $10. 8 pm. Rock Shop [249 Fourth Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Park Slope, (718) 230-5740], www.therockshopny.com.

MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT: Featuring works by Haydn, Arensky, and Dvorak. $35 ($30 seniors, $15 students). 8 pm. Bargemusic [Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street and Furman Street in DUMBO, (718) 624-2083], www.bargemusic.org.

SALES AND MARKETS

ARTISTS AND FLEAS: 8 am–4 pm. [70 N. Seventh St. between Wythe and Kent avenues in Williamsburg, (917) 301-5765], artistsandfleas.com.

TAG SALE: New and used items. 9 am–5 pm. Cadman Towers Building (101 Clark St. between Henry Street and Cadman Plaza West in Brooklyn Heights).

SMORGASBURG: A gastro-centric marketplace from the people behind Brooklyn Flea. 9 am–5 pm. (East River between N. Sixth and N. Seventh streets in Williamsburg), www.smorgasburg.com.

BROOKLYN FLEA: More than 100 vendors. 10 am–5 pm. (176 Lafayette Ave between Clermont and Vanderbilt avenues in Fort Greene), www.brooklynflea.com.

FLEA MARKET: 10 am–5 pm. Carroll Park [Court Street between Carroll and President streets in Carroll Gardens, (917) 574-0745], carrollparkbrooklyn.org.

OTHER

RED HOOK FESTIVAL: Sponsored by Dance Theatre Etcetera featuring La Roka RPM and Full Circle, Tato Torres y Yerbabuena, Paul Josephs and MetroSonics and Inspirit. Free. 11 am–7 pm. Louis J. Valentino, Jr., Park and Pier [Coffey and Ferris streets in Red Hook, (718) 643-6790 X113], www.redhookfest.com.

FILM, "VERTIGO": 3:30, 6:30 and 9:15 pm. See Friday, June 3.

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CIVIC CALENDAR

MON, JUNE 6

Community Board 2 Economic Development and Job Creation Committee. Monthly meeting. 6 pm. Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 596-5410], www.nyc.gov/html/bkncb2/html/contact.shtml.

TUES, JUNE 7

Community Board 2 Economic Development Committee. Monthly meeting. 6 pm. Long Island University [DeKalb and Flatbush avenues in Downtown, (718) 596-5410], www.nyc.gov/brooklyncb2.

Community Board 1 Executive Committee. Monthly meeting. 6 pm. Community Board 1 office [435 Graham Ave. between Frost and Richardson streets in Williamsburg, (718) 389-0009].

76th Precinct Community Council. Monthly meeting. 7:30 pm. 76th Precinct Stationhouse [191 Union St. Between Sackett and President streets in Carroll Gardens, (718) 834-3207].

WED, JUNE 8

Community Board 6. Full board. 6:30 pm. Old First Reformed Church [729 Carroll St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 643-3027], www.brooklyncb6.org.

Community Board 10 Traffic and Transportation Committee. Monthly meeting. On the agenda: "Summer Streets Pedestrian Mall." 7 pm. St. Anselm's Auditorium [365 83rd St. at Third Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 745-6827].

THURS, JUNE 9

Community Board 2. Full board. 6 pm. Brown Memorial Baptist Church [52 Gates Ave. between Waverly and Washington avenues in Fort Greene, (718) 596-5410], www.nyc.gov/brooklyncb2.

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Clawing to the top

'The Lobsta Pusha,' gets Cooking Channel show

By Dan MacLeod
The Brooklyn Paper

Dr. Claw has gone prime-time!

Notorious seafood maven Ben Sargent now has his own show on the Cooking Channel — a stunning triumph for the Ali G-influenced lobster roll "pusher" who was once shut down by the Health Department for crafting his crustacean sandwiches without a permit.

The show, "Hook, Line and Dinner," premieres on June 7, sending Sargent across the country on a vintage BMW motorcycle in search of the best seafood. It also puts him in Emeril Lagasse and Rachael Ray territory.

"It's pretty wild," he told us in a chat in the Manhattan test kitchen of the Cooking Channel. "It's a bit of a shock to the system, especially since I didn't let anybody help me."

The fancy kitchen stadium is a far cry from the rowhouse basement in Greenpoint where Sargent, in his mien as Dr. Claw, churned out 150 lobster rolls a night at the height of his popularity. His character was a cartoonish drug pusher with an oversized, gilded lobster claw necklace, sunglasses and a chinstrap beard — but his "crack" was genuine lobster rolls, which he handed off surreptitiously in brown bags on street corners after taking orders on Facebook.

For now, rock lobster trafficker is laying low.

"Poor Dr. Claw," Sergeant said. "But big things are happening for Ben."

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Shelled: Ben Sargent, aka "Dr. Claw, the Lobsta Pusha," will hit the road for the Cooking Channel.

DR. CLAW GIVES UP THE SECRET TO THE PERFECT LOBSTER ROLL

Look, I won't mince words: I know a thing or two about lobster.

Being from Maine, the son of a seafood restaurant owner, I learned at an early age how to cook and prepare crustaceans. We Mainers don't flinch when dropping a scampering hardshell into a pot of boiling water and I can pull out succulent tail meat without the aid of cumbersome tools. Plastic lobster bibs? Please.

So I was a bit dubious of the hype surrounding New York's infatuation with lobster rolls. The buttery treat, which is a delicacy for millions of summer tourists each year in Maine, is something of an unofficial official sandwich of the Pine Tree State.

And as Mainer, I can vouch that the lobster rolls being made by Ben Sargent — aka Dr Claw — meet Maine standards.

Sargent showed us how to make his famous roll in the test kitchen of the Cooking Channel, the network of his new show "Hook, Line and Dinner." Here are his pointers:

Use fresh lobster
"You should eat lobster within 48 hours of it coming out of the water," Sargent said.

Season the water
Sargent fills the bottom of a pot with water, & adds sea salt, a garlic clove, some peppercorns & Old Bay seasoning. (Pro tip: If you have it available, put a bunch of seaweed in the water instead for an oceanic tang.)

Steam, don't boil
Boiling lobster can rob it of its natural flavor. Eight to 10 minutes is about the longest you want it in the pot, he says.

Cool down
When the lobster is done steaming, put it in a bowl of ice water to cool down. The meat will keep cooking otherwise & get mushy.

Steep it
Drain the juice from the inside of the lobster into a bowl & soak the cooked meat in it. This helps retain the lobster flavor.

Less is more
Mix in only a little mayonnaise. Most places overdo it, Sargent said. "All lobster rolls in this city have too much mayo," he said. "It's almost like they start with the mayo & then add lobster. It's not a sauce."

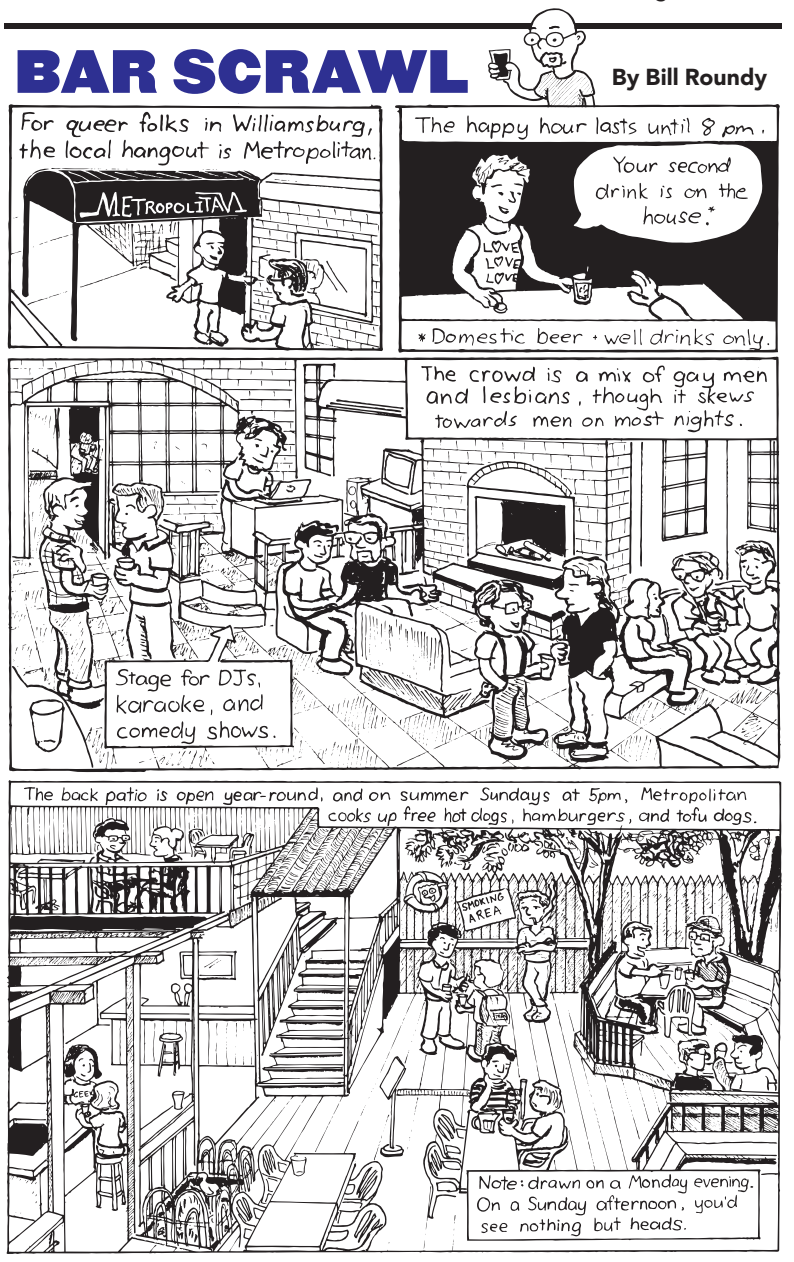
Bun it up
Use regular hot dog buns, buttered & grilled one side. Nothing fancy here.

Serve warm, lathered with butter
Heat up the lobster meat over low heat so that it's warm — not hot. If it's cold, you lose the flavor. Drizzle some warm garlic butter over the top of the roll, & you're all set to eat.

— Dan Macleod

BAR SCRAWL

By Bill Roundy



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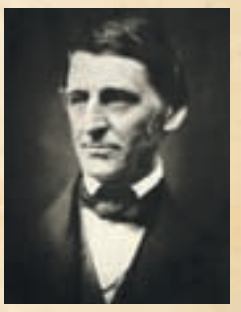

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New wine bar for N. Slope

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

Park Slope's new wine bar has a hard metal facade — but there's nothing gruff about its warm communal seating.

At Wolf and Deer, owners Daniel Bailey and Raphael Hasid, have poured as much time into an 80-bottle list as designing a U-shaped bar that encourages neighbors to mingle.

Hasid — who owns the vino-centric Mediterranean restaurant Miriam across the street — has the food and drink covered; Bailey — who owns the upscale metal shop Hard Decor in Bushwick — took charge of the arty, semi-industrial design.

"We're merging our skills," Bailey said, adding it all adds up to an intimate vibe. "It gives the neighborhood something it doesn't already have."

The Fifth Avenue bar will open this week near St Marks Place replacing Total Wine Bar, which closed unexpectedly in September.

Wolf and Deer will have outdoor seating, a wide variety of cocktails and small plates of salad, cheese and cured meats — which has nothing to do with the place's name.

In fact, the owners — longtime friends who each hail from Israel — named the bar after their baby boys's Hebrew monickers.

Wolf and Deer (74 Fifth Ave. near St. Marks Place in Park Slope).

Photo by Tom Callan

Cheers: Owners Daniel Bailey (left) and Raphael Hasid have opened Wolf and Deer Wine Bar on Fifth Avenue in Park Slope.

9 DAYS...

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SUN, JUNE 5

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

TOUR, BIRD WALK: Discover hidden nests. Led by the Brooklyn Bird Club. Free. 8 am. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

"GATEWAY TO NATIONS": 11 am–7 pm. See Friday, June 3.

TOUR, BROOKLYN HEIGHTS WALK: Claire Mirachi takes participants through the community and examines the architecture. Reservations required. Free. 2 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, "KING LEAR": 3 pm. See Friday, June 3.

MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT: 3 pm. See Saturday, June 4.

SALES AND MARKETS

ARTISTS AND FLEAS: 8 am–6 pm. See Saturday, June 4.

BROOKLYN FLEA: Vintage, antique, handmade, and food vendors. 10 am–5 pm. (27 N. 6 St. at Kent Avenue in Williamsburg), www.brooklynflea.com.

OTHER

FILM, "VERTIGO": 3:30, 6:30 and 9:15 pm. See Friday, June 3.

"PRETTY GOOD FRIENDS": Comedy show hosted by Eugene Mirman and friends. $7. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

MON, JUNE 6

GREEK FESTIVAL: Enjoy Greek food, music and dancing. 11 am. Saints Constantine and Helen Cathedral [64 Schermerhorn St. between Court Street and Boerum Place in Downtown, (718) 624-0595], www.stconstantineandhelen.org.

FILM, "VERTIGO": 3:30, 6:30 and 9:15 pm. See Friday, June 3.

TUES, JUNE 7

FLEA MARKET: Free. 9 –11 am. Narrows Senior Center [1230 63rd St. between 12th and 13th avenues in Dyker Heights, (718) 232-3211].

GREEK FESTIVAL: 11 am. See Monday, June 6.

FILM, "VERTIGO": 3:30, 6:30 and 9:15 pm. See Friday, June 3.

TALK, CARA EISENPRESS AND PHOEBE LAPINE: Authors of "In the Small Kitchen." They will also teach various kitchen skills. Free. 7 pm. WORD [126 Franklin St. in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096], www.wordbrooklyn.com.

WED, JUNE 8

GREEK FESTIVAL: 11 am. See Monday, June 6.

FILM, "VERTIGO": 3:30, 6:30 and 9:15 pm. See Friday, June 3.

ORIENTATION SESSION: Learn about the volunteer opportunities at Prospect Park. Free. 4–5 pm. Litchfield Villa [95 Prospect Pk. W. between Fourth and Fifth streets in Park Slope, (718) 965-8960].

READING, ALINA SIMONE AND WESLEY STACE: Musicians and authors of "You Must Go and Win" and "Charles Jessold." Free. 7 pm. WORD [126 Franklin St. in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096], www.wordbrooklyn.com.

READING, ELEANOR HENDERSON: Author of "Ten Thousand Saints." Free. 7:30 pm. Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200], greenlightbookstore.com.

MUSIC, SWEET SOBRETTE: $10. 8 pm. Southpaw [125 Fifth Ave. at St. Johns Place in Park Slope, (718) 230-0236], www.spsounds.com.

THURS, JUNE 9

FILM, "BATTLE FOR BROOKLYN": Documentary that explores the Atlantic Yards project. Fort Greene Park Visitor Center (enter park at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park in Fort Greene).

GREEK FESTIVAL: 11 am. See Monday, June 6.

FILM, "LE RAYON VERT": by Eric Rohmer. $12 ($7 BAM Cinema Club members). 4:30 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:15 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. near St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

FRI, JUNE 10

GREEK FESTIVAL: 11 am–1 am. See Monday, June 6.

FILM, "LE RAYON VERT": $12. 2 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:15 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. near St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

TOUR, BROOKLYN BRIDGE AND HEIGHTS AT TWILIGHT: A walking tour across the bridge and through the neighborhood. $15, $12 seniors and students. 5 pm. City Hall Park [Southeast corner of Broadway and Chambers Street in Lower Manhattan, (888) 606-9255], www.bigonion.com.

MUSIC, BROOKLYN FOLK FESTIVAL: Get your fill of folk, blues and roots music. $20. 6 pm. Jalopy [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Columbia Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214], www.jalopy.biz.

MUSIC, THEOPHILUS LONDON: $10 (suggested). 7 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], www.brooklynmuseum.org.

READING, EMMA STRAUB: Author of "Other People We Married." Free. 7 pm. WORD [126 Franklin St. in Greenpoint, (718) 383-0096], www.wordbrooklyn.com.

MUSIC, ANDREW BIRD: The musician kicks off Celebrate Brooklyn. Free. 8 pm. Prospect Park Band Shell [Enter Park at Prospect Park West and Ninth St. in Prospect Park, (718) 965-8900], www.bricartsmedia.org/cb.

SAT, JUNE 11

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

GREEK FESTIVAL: 1 pm–1 am. See Monday, June 6.

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, BROOKLYN FOLK FESTIVAL: Get your fill of folk, blues and roots music. $20. 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition [499 Van Brunt St., near Reed Street in Red Hook, (917) 655-2980], www.bwac.org.

MUSIC, MARGARET GLASPY: 9 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.petescandystore.com.

MUSIC, THE RIDGE, STEVEN AND JOHN OF BURLAP TO CASHMERE: 9:30 pm. The Schnitzel Haus [7319 Fifth Ave. between 72nd and 73rd streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-5600], www.schnitzelhausny.com.

MUSIC, HEAD OVER HEELS: 10 pm. Greenhouse Cafe [7717 Third Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-8200], www.greenhousecafe.com.

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MUSIC, HOWARD FISHMAN: 10 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

MUSIC, EL RICO SON: Free. 10 pm. Two Boots Brooklyn [514 Second St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, 718-489-3253], www.twobootsbrooklyn.com.

MUSIC, PARTY GIRL WITH DJ LORD: Free. Midnight. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

SALES AND MARKETS

BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL GREENMARKET: 8 am–6 pm. See Saturday, June 4.

ARTISTS AND FLEAS: 8 am–4 pm. See Saturday, June 4.

GREENPOINT/MCCARREN PARK GREENMARKET: 8 am–4 pm. See Saturday, June 4.

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TAG SALE: 9 am–5 pm. See Saturday, June 4.

SMORGASBURG: 9 am–5 pm. See Saturday, June 4.

BROOKLYN FLEA: 10 am–5 pm. See Saturday, June 4.

FLEA MARKET: 10 am–6 pm. See Saturday, June 4.

OTHER

"HONORING THEIR SACRIFICE": 11 am – 6 pm. See Friday, June 3.

PET DAY: Bring your four-legged friend and ride for free on the Wonder Wheel. There's also a costume contest at 2 pm. Free. Noon–6 pm. Deno's Wonder Wheel (W. 12th Street and the Boardwalk in Coney Island), www.wonderwheel.com.

FILM, "LE RAYON VERT": $12. 2 pm, 6:50 pm, 9:15 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. near St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

CAKE CONTEST: Best Birthday Cake in Brooklyn Contest to take place on the IKEA waterfront sponsored by Fairway Market. Free. 5–6:30 pm. IKEA Brooklyn/IKEA waterfront [1 Beard Street in Red Hook, (718) 789-1746 or (718) 622-2492], www.relayforlife.org/ikearedhookny.

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him. They apparently wanted to acquit Perfetto, but the law gave them no room to maneuver.

"It was very hard," one juror, who refused to give her name, told us after the verdict was read. "We truly believed that he had no malicious intent, but unfortunately the law doesn't allow for that. It was not easy."

Assistant District Attorney Om Kakani had two "smoking guns" — the notice of appearance and the court transcripts.

Going over the transcripts line by line in his summation, Kakani said Perfetto had more than a half dozen chances to set the record straight but did not.

"The sin of omission is still a sin," Kakani told the jury. "All [Perfetto] had to do was say, 'By the way, I'm not an attorney,' but he didn't. He knew he was getting over on everyone and he wanted to continue that charade."

Defense attorney Andrew Rendeiro, who didn't call any witnesses during the trial, painted a different picture in his summation: Perfetto just followed a court officer's instructions.

"Someone in the courtroom saw a 70-year-old man in a suit come in and asked him to fill out [the notice of appearance]," Rendeiro explained. "It was a simple mistake in a courtroom where more than 100 cases were going on. We will never know who spoke to Ralph, but the government shouldn't have arrested a citizen because it made a mistake."

It was clear that the jury wrestled with trial Judge Alexander Jeong's instructions that Perfetto must be found guilty if the prosecution proved beyond a reasonable doubt that he "practiced or appeared as an attorney at law." Perfetto's fate-holders took nothing for granted, demanding to hear several pieces of testimony. And later, the foreman sent out a note demanding that the court give the jury the legal definition of the word "lawyer" — a question that even stumped the attorneys in the room (the definition the jury ended up with was "someone who practices as an attorney at law" — not that helpful).

Perfetto stood stone faced as the guilty verdict was read, then — ever the class act — raised his hand and asked Judge Jeong for the opportunity to thank the jury for its time and attention.

But Jeong wouldn't allow it, reminding Perfetto that anything he says should be filtered through his defense attorney — even words of appreciation.

Later, Perfetto, who turned down a chance to have the charges dismissed months earlier if he pleaded guilty, disagreed with the verdict, but said he was happy to have his day in court.

"[The jury] did its job," Perfetto said afterwards. "All I wanted was a fair opportunity to be heard by the people. I believe I'm innocent, but this taught me a valuable lesson: no matter how noble one's intentions may be, you have to very careful not to cross the line."

Perfetto will be sentenced on July 18.

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Defending the PS 29 vandals

The Dad

By Scott Sager

A group of kids, 16 years old and younger, destroyed the playground equipment at PS 29 a couple of weeks ago. We can all agree that what they did, from forming the idea to make a "Jackass"-like video, to pouring the alcohol on the slide, to running away as the flames shot up into the sky, were a series of stupid choices, one worse than the other, leading them to hope that the whole mess would just go away and they wouldn't get caught. It didn't and they did.

This is where their parents come into the picture, hiring a lawyer and coughing up $50,000 to replace the decimated jungle gym and turning their children over to the police. Sure, my own newspaper called it "Junk justice at PS 29," but from my point of view, these parents have joined with their offspring to stand up and take responsibility for the damage that was done.

But I've heard and read a lot of negative comments, saying these parents are trying to buy their kids out of trouble, keep these misguided youth from facing the consequences of their irresponsibility, keep them out of jail. This is a bad thing? Is there really a parent out there who wouldn't do the same thing if he or she had the cash and connections to do it? I certainly couldn't watch my teenage daughters face time in the slammer without doing everything I could to prevent it.

In fact, I can't think of a parent of teenagers, who were not already felons-in-training, who would throw their hands up and say, "You deserve whatever you get. I'll try and visit you in prison, but don't hold your breath."

Don't get me wrong, if this had been my girls, they might be grounded for the rest of their lives, have babysitting wages garnered to repay all that money, fed very thin soup for dinner every night. But these are consequences that I control, not a criminal conviction that would follow them the rest of their lives for a dumb prank done at 16. No question in my mind, I'd be doing everything I could to help them avoid those consequences.

Parents try to control the impact of life on their children all the time. Usually these actions seem morally neutral, like hiring a tutor so your kid scores better on the Stuyvesant test or the SATs. But sometimes, we enter that gray area, families using a fake address to apply to a better school or calling in a favor from some Board of Ed employee. What about parents who convince doctors to put their child on medication that might enhance the student's test performance?

And we spend money on our progeny to give them a leg up on the competition. It doesn't matter if Music Together made my daughters smarter, or that I enjoyed meeting other parents, if all the other kids are doing it, I'll find the money so my kids can do that, too.

I'm just trying to keep my daughters' futures secure, through education, experience, safety and mitigating the consequences of their stupid decisions. They've got to be responsible for their actions, sure, but I'm going to try and control the fallout in a thoughtful, meaningful way instead of letting them face the arbitrary punishment of the blogosphere, newspapers and an overburdened justice system.

Most adults are pretty poor role models for taking responsibility for our actions. I know I've fought traffic tickets I deserved to keep from getting points on my license. I know one or two people who cheat on their tax forms or pay cash to avoid sales tax. When was the last time you heard anyone accused of a crime stand up and say, "Yup, I did it"?

I may see the kids involved at PS 29 as unthinking, misguided, idiotic, self-involved, stupid teenagers. But their parents, I suspect, have dreams for their children, that they will grow up, have jobs, and families and come home for Thanksgiving. Perhaps some of the parents hope their child will develop an AIDS vaccine, discover a renewable and clean source of energy, become a great artist, a chef or just a decent human being. I can't blame those parents for believing in their children and their futures.

Once my daughters are grown, they'll have plenty of time to screw up their lives. As a parent, I'm just trying to keep them from screwing it up now, before it's really begun. That's all these other parents are trying to do, and it makes them real, honest parents who are taking on the struggle. Good luck to them.

NYU...

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feel to our campus," said NYU-Poly President Jerry Hultin.

The land grab is part of Polytechnic's 10-year, $38-million expansion and renovation plan, now in its second year, to accommodate a projected rise in enrollment.

Crain's New York recently reported that NYU-Poly plans to expand enrollment by 40 percent, to 6,000 students, over the next four years.

But the school's growth is also a boon to the area's empty office space.

The Metrotech complex — built in the early 1990s with hefty public subsidies — has largely included financial institutions, until many began to decamp during the financial bubble of 2008, according to real-estate broker Chris Havens.

He said that NYU likely took advantage of a "fantastic deal" and that Metrotech space is "going cheap."

"The biggest hole in Brooklyn is Metrotech — there's lots of space there for lease," Havens said. "It's finally starting to go now. Education is the future of Downtown Brooklyn."

Before choosing Metrotech, NYU-Poly flirted with building a new 41-story tower on Jay Street.

The building never made it beyond the dreaming stage, but it remains a possibility.

Aside from Polytechnic's new digs, NYU has greater Brooklyn plans. The university's 25-year citywide expansion plan calls for the rental or construction of one million square feet of classroom, residential and office space by 2031.

NYU spokesman John Beckman said that the university would likely expand into Downtown mostly, with "other schools of NYU, not just NYU-Poly."

Most local planners accept the inevitable influx of students to Downtown with open arms.

"We have a reservoir of space that can accommodate those needs, so it's fortunate for us," said Mike Weiss, executive director of Metrotech BID.

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"Old refrigerators account for nearly 20 percent of the energy used by the average New York household," said Cristina Coltro, manager for residential energy efficiency programs at Con Edison.

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Lessons in inequality

By Michael Mulgrew

President of the United Federation of Teachers

Six decades after the landmark Supreme Court ruling on educational equality, Brown v. Board of Education, it is outrageous that thousands of New York City children get a graphic lesson in inequality every day when they walk through the doors of their schools.

These are students – from Harlem to Brooklyn, from the South Bronx to Manhattan's East Village -- who attend co-located schools in buildings where a district school is housed alongside a charter school. In too many cases, there are smart boards, freshly painted walls and small class sizes in the charter school while in the public school there are broken blackboards, crumbling facilities and overcrowded classrooms. Separate and unequal.

In some cases, charter students get disproportionate access to shared facilities like the cafeteria or the gym. In one case in Brooklyn, parents at PS 9 raised funds to have a library built and then watched as the Department of Education proposed co-locating a charter school in their building and giving the 160 charter students 6.75 hours in the library per week while the 550 to 610 PS 9 students were to get 4.75 hours.

It is not the charter schools that are to blame for this injustice, but the DOE. It is the DOE that comes up with co-location plans and it is the DOE that is responsible for making sure those plans are fair and in compliance with the state's charter law, which requires an "equitable allocation" of shared facilities. It is the DOE that is fostering inequality in our school system, directly harming children's education.

That is why the UFT, the NAACP and others sued the DOE to end the practice of co-locations that treat district school students as second-class citizens.

Our lawsuit also seeks to stop the closing of 22 schools because again, the issue at stake is equality for our city's most vulnerable students. Fifteen of the 22 schools were on the list of closing schools last year as well, and after we sued to stop their closure in 2010, we worked with the DOE to come up with a plan to provide extra support to these struggling schools. But the DOE walked away from every promise it made to these schools and never provided any of the help it said it would. Instead, it cynically declared the schools were performing poorly and moved to close them again in 2011.

It's another lesson in inequality. These are schools with large numbers of high-needs learners and some of the most disadvantaged students in our city. These students are as entitled to an education as any other students, yet the DOE refuses to provide the resources and support needed to teach them, and instead moves to close their schools and push them further to the margins.

Universal public education is one of the foundations of a democratic society, an idea pioneered by Americans in the last century and under attack now by "reformers" who think education should be run as a competitive marketplace rather than treated as a universal right.

That is why we, as educators, fight for educational equality — we fight for all of our students and all of the children of our city. It is why we are fighting for all children to have equal access to school facilities and why we are fighting to stop the DOE from simply abandoning struggling schools and disadvantaged students. It is why we care not just about teacher layoffs that would devastate education inside the classroom, but also about child care cuts that would push already struggling families into crisis; why we think closing libraries is bad and giving another tax break to the rich is unconscionable. It's why 20,000 people turned out on May 12 to protest the mayor's budget and why we will continue to do whatever it takes to pass a city budget that's fair to all of our students and the citizens of our city.

Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Andrew Rogers is moving out of his Greenpoint Avenue apartment after discovering how smelly and loud the poultry slaughterhouse next door actually is.

Greenpoint tenants upset over smelly chicken slaughterhouse

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

Why did the luxury condo tenant move across the road?

It's not a stupid kids joke, but a oderiferous situation on Greenpoint Avenue, where residents of a converted historic building are moving out because they can't stand the fowl smell and squawking from a neighboring slaughterhouse.

"It's dirty, there's always feathers flying around, and there's a nasty smelling liquid that leaks out occasionally," said Greenpoint Avenue resident Andrew Rodgers, who is moving out of his building, near Franklin Street, this month.

But the one-story factory, New Lee's Live Poultry Market, has been a working slaughterhouse since 1928.

Rodgers is one of several tenants who felt caged in living above the killing factory. He said his broker "glossed over" the presence of the slaughterhouse when he looked at the place a year ago and allegedly suggested that the factory would be gone soon.

Rodgers and his neighbors have suffered from the smell and noise of factory workers, who unload metal crates with tasty ducks, chickens, and turkeys into the factory at 5 am every day.

Now, he's put a homemade sign advertising a moving sale in his building's storefront, which reads, "The chickens are driving me crazy!"

"This is a beautiful neighborhood and there's this blight on the street," said Rodgers. "It's not a good place, it's in the wrong place."

The condo's developer, Leonard Rutkowitz said New Lee's owner John Chen wrote to him about a plan he hatched to move the factory to Johnson Street — but Chen blamed city regulations for delaying the move.

"I have heard from more than one person that sales agents shilling this property were telling clients the slaughterhouse would be gone in six months," wrote the blog, New York Shitty. "Obviously, this didn't happen."

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offer one universally accepted exception: "People who are into jam bands."

Until recently, serious anti-hipsterism was mostly confined to the Urban Outfitters bookshelf, where titles such as "Look at that F—ing Hipster" found a welcome home. As of late, however, the malice seems to be growing ever more mainstream — and virulent. Not only are councilmembers denouncing their own constituents, diehipster.com, the web's foremost epicenter of flannel-based animus, openly fantasizes about "hipster beatings."

"Today, I heard a salamander-physiqued [sic], rooftop farming, MacBook D.J./fusion chef gasping for air," one poster wrote. "So I took my Timberland off his neck and poured a Liquid Plumber latte down his throat. End of story."

The shadowy crusader behind the site — who will say only that he's "a guy born and raised in Brooklyn" — is unrepentant. And, he's hardly an irrelevant crank, frequently receiving more than 50 comments on postings, the majority of them like-minded in their eliminationist rhetoric.

"[Hipsterism] is a social disease," he said.

No latte poisonings were reported, but the Williamsburg-Bushwick borderland was the site of a several real-life "hipster robberies" just a few weeks ago. Residents of the McKibbin lofts, a well-known stronghold of organic soy supporters, were robbed at gunpoint three times in four days. It may have just been a crime of opportunity — The Brooklyn Paper reported that "few residents are taking necessary [security] precautions" — or it may have been a bona fide hipster hit.

Given this mounting climate of hate, what's a suspender-clad, 14th-century Bulgarian lit major to do?

According to Brooklyn Law School professor Bill Araiza, local mustache enthusiasts have little legal recourse against their persecutors. New York's Hate Crimes Act of 2000 provides protection against "crimes motivated by invidious hatred toward particular groups," but it's "really, really hard to prove" that someone has been discriminated against due to association with a particular "scene" (i.e. goths, Dave Matthews Band fans, seersucker aficionados).

Additionally, diehipster.com's "beatings" are likely shielded by no less a 'zine than the U.S. Constitution. "The First Amendment provides a lot of protection for incendiary speech," said Araiza. "There'd have to be speech that counseled imminent lawless action — not abstract or implied."

Hipster-bating — nothing new

Hipster-baiting may seem to be at a fever pitch, it's actually been around forever. Indeed, once man could speak, man could criticize — all the more so if wolf sweaters were involved. Below, crucial moments in hipster history:

1700 BC: Calling Abraham "derivative," Hammurabi authors own batch of stories

372 BC: Plato taunted for majoring in philosophy.

33: A bearded philosopher is killed near what is current day Jerusalem

1775: Drummer boy in Continental Army put in stocks for arriving to war 30 minutes late.

Nov. 2, 2002: Last non-pejorative use of term "hipster."

March, 2011: The Bushwick Trailer Park, a group of 20 artists living in modified trailers in an empty parking lot, is disbanded; the artists regroup inside a nearby warehouse, but they're evicted a month later and — under the auspices of the Red Cross — given temporary shelter at the Sunset Park Days Inn.

March 14: "Hipster traps" — animal trap replicas with American Spirit cigarettes, neon Wayfarer sunglasses, a bike chain, and a Pabst Blue Ribbon can as bait — are spotted across North Brooklyn and the East Village.

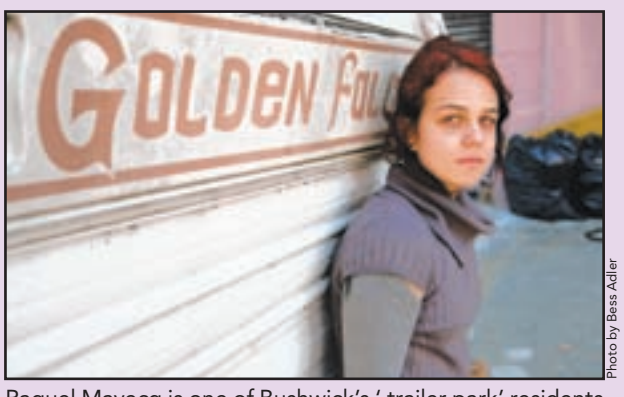
April 13: Unicycle activist and Brooklyn juggler Kyle Petersen, who is suing the city of New York for ticketing him on his unicycle, is dubbed "The Enemy Within" by Stephen Colbert.

Mid-April: Vinnie's Pizzeria in Williamsburg posts a "Help Wanted" sign on its window, barring applications from band members, artists, and anyone who "just wants to work a few weeks before [going] off to Europe."

April 19: The state Health Department places kickball (as well as Wiffle Ball and Freeze Tag) on a list of potentially hazardous activities requiring further regulation; after protests, the effort is abandoned.

April 22: CNN reports the results of a poll conducted by techie site, Hunch.com, on differences between Mac and PC users, claiming that Mac users "prefer designer or vintage duds, hummus, red wine, indie films, The New York Times and … San Pellegrino Limonata."

May 11: Metro stokes the indignation of its readers with the front page question: "Hipsters to blame for billions of dollars in Census losses?" ***— Adam Rosen***



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Raquel Mavecq is one of Bushwick's ' trailer park' residents who was evicted.

Community Newspaper Group / Kimberly Lightbody

Glenn Astrada offers his reaction to seeing what many believe is Rep. Anthony Weiner's underwear–clad erection.

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next?" he tweeted.

This week, in the heart of Weiner's district, the porno-Tweet incident barely got a rise out of his constituents.

"What's the big deal? He's a politician, but he's still a man," reasoned George Skevos inside the Mirage Diner on Kings Highway, where Weiner often has breakfast. "Whether or not he did it, he's a man and he's entitled to do what he wants."

Others said it's best to judge a man by the content of his character — and not by the junk in his trunk.

"You should vote for people based on what they do in the community and for society," said Irina Grinberg of Sheepshead Bay. "It's a silly picture, but it doesn't seem pornographic to me. Personal is personal."

If most of the reactions were muted, it might be because so few of Weiner's people really know what Twitter is, despite its ubiquity since launching in 2006.

The social networking site started as a way for friends to keep each other abreast of each other's comings and goings, but of late, it has become the new soapbox, where public figures and politicians can air their views without being interrupted by pesky reporters. On May 11, for example, Newt Gingrich sidestepped the "lamestream media" by announcing his presidential campaign on Twitter. And Sarah Palin recently tweeted her 534,000 followers a 140-character "letter" to President Obama.

Weiner's political allies came to his quick defense.

"I don't think there is the remotest possibility that a guy like Anthony Weiner would do something as dumb as has been suggested," said Councilman Lew Fidler (D–Mill Basin). "Why would Anthony Weiner send a graphic photo to a girl in Seattle that he's never met?"

Last year, Weiner married to Huma Abedin, an aide to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. As such, the case is reminiscent of married Republican Rep. Chris Lee, the upstate lawmaker who quit last year after he sent a picture of his shirtless torso. At the time, he initially claimed his computer was hacked.

The truth was just the opposite.

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-against-
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SUMMONS
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